

## **REMARKS**

This Supplemental Amendment is filed as a result of the telephone interview conducted with the Examiner and his supervisor on April 6, 2010 and provides amendments to the present application that are in addition to those provided in the Amendment filed on March 10, 2010. The Amendment filed on March 10, 2010 was fully responsive to all the objection and rejections noted in the final Office Action dated December 10, 2009.

Claims 3-6 and 8-14 are pending in the present application. With this Supplemental Amendment, independent claim 3 and the title have been amended. No new matter has been introduced by the amendments made to claim 3 and the title. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

### **I. Interview Summary**

The Applicants thank the Examiner Johnson and his supervisor for granting the telephone interview (hereafter “interview”) that was conducted with the Applicants’ representative on April 6, 2010.

During the interview, the distinguishable features between the present invention and the cited prior art (as presented in the response filed on March 10, 2010) were discussed in detail.

As a result of the interview, the Examiner suggested minor additional amendments to independent claim 3 in order to overcome the current prior art rejections. Additionally, the Examiner suggested amending the title.

At the conclusion of the interview, the Examiner indicated that further search and/or consideration of the prior art would be necessary before making a final determination regarding the allowability of the claims.

### **II. Claim Objection and Rejections**

As noted above, the Amendment filed on March 10, 2010 was fully responsive to the final Office Action dated December 10, 2009, issued in connection with the above-identified application. That is, the claim objection and rejections noted in the final Office Action were addressed by that Amendment. Accordingly, the claim objections and rejections noted in the final Office Action will not be addressed again by this Supplemental Amendment.

### **III. Conclusion**

In light of the above, the Applicants submit that all the pending claims are patentable over the prior art of record. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the

rejections presented in the outstanding Office Action, and pass the present application to issue. Additionally, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to resolve any remaining issues in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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